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Remarks

Claims 21-37 are pending in the present application. Claim 20 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b). Claims 21-32 stand rejected under obviousness-type double patenting. Claim 20 has been cancelled. Claims 21 and 27 have been amended. New claims 33-37 have been added.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

35 U.S.C. 102(b):

Although Applicant does not acquiesce to this rejection nor any of the positions set forth in the office action in regard to this rejection, Applicant has cancelled this claim in an effort to expedite prosecution and allowance of the present application.

Obviousness-Type Double Patenting:

Although Applicant does not acquiesce to this rejection, a terminal disclaimer is submitted herewith in an effort to expedite prosecution and allowance of the present application.

New Claims:

Applicant has added new claims 33-37. Applicant respectfully submits that these claims should be in condition for immediate allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

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Conclusion

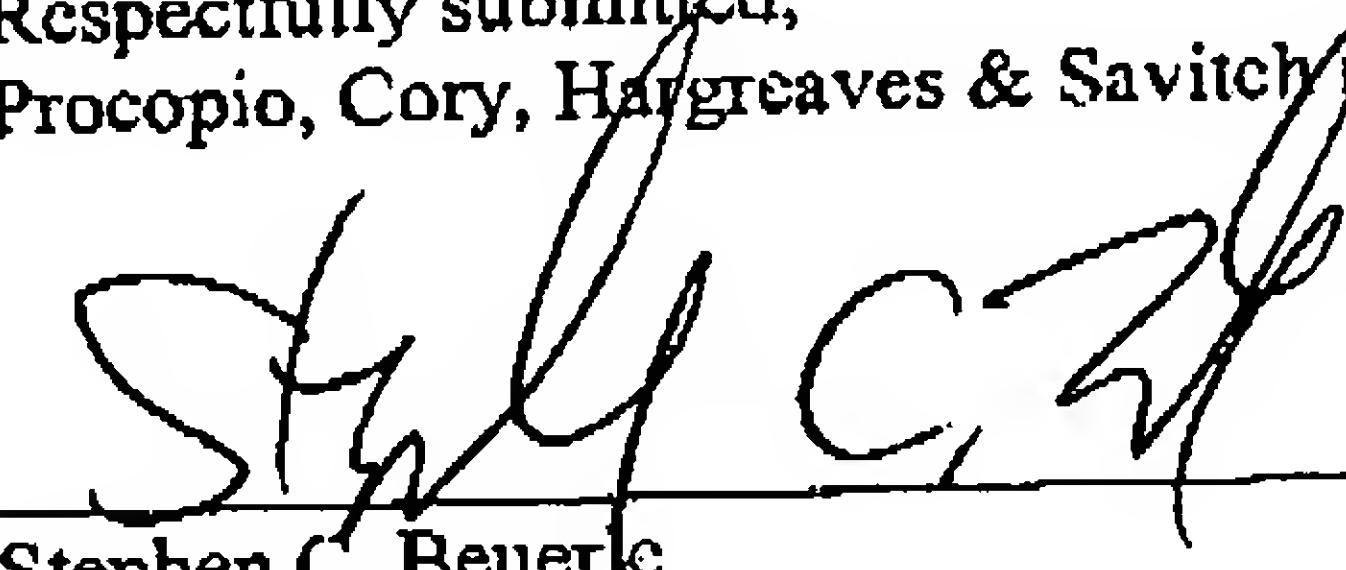
If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding the above Amendments and Remarks, the Examiner is respectfully urged to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

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